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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2016

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic products (solar products) from the People's Republic of China (PRC) for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 10, 2017, the Department published in the *Federal Register* a notice of the initiation of an administrative review of the CVD order on solar products from the PRC with respect to 30 companies for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, ¹ based on a request by

¹ See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 82 FR 17188 (April 10, 2017).

the petitioner.² On May 11, 2017, the petitioner timely withdrew its request for an administrative review of all 30 companies.³ No other party requested an administrative review.

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department will rescind an administrative review in whole or in part, if the party that requested a review withdraws its request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. In this case, the petitioner timely withdrew its request for review within the 90-day deadline, and no other party requested an administrative review of the CVD order. Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), we are rescinding the administrative review of the CVD order on solar products from the PRC covering the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, in its entirety.

Assessment

The Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries of solar products from the PRC at a rate equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, during the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after the publication of this notice.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under an APO, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or

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² The petitioner is SolarWorld Americas, Inc.

³ See Letter from the petitioner, "Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products from the People's Republic of China: Withdrawal of Administrative Review Request," dated May 11, 2017.

destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

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Dated: October 31, 2017

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